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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF SETTLEMENT AT HARIS UNDERWAY

1. CONSTRUCTION OF THE GUSH EMUNIM SETTLEMENT AT HARIS IS UNDERWAY. ON A TRIP TO THE SITE APRIL 6, CONGEN OFFICER OBSERVED THREE PIECES OF HEAVY MACHINERY LEVELING GROUND AND LAYING PIPE SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS WEST OF THE PREVIOUSLY ENCLOSED AREA. ARABS WERE DOING THE WORK. ISRAELI CIVILIANS WERE SUPERVISING. BEYOND THE NEW WORK AND WITHIN THE PERIMETER, SIX PRE-FAB UNITS ARE EMPLACED. SOME OF THESE ARE OCCUPIED BY A HANDFUL OF MEN WHO CLAIMED TO BE ISRAELI RESERVISTS. THE MEN WORE ARMY FATIGUES AND CARRIED WEAPONS, BUT THEIR UNIFORMS SHOWED NO RANK NOR UNIT INSIGNIA. IN CONTRAST TO SITUATION AS OF FEBRUARY 2, THERE WERE NO MILITARY SIGNPOSTS, NO MILITARY PENNANTS AND NO MILITARY VEHICLES.

2. STATUS OF OTHER SETTLEMENTS VISITED AS FOLLOWS:

A. TAPUAH -- STILL CLEARLY A NAHAL WITH NO CIVILIAN
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PRESENCE EVIDENT. FIVE PRE-FAB UNITS HAVE BEEN MOVED IN SINCE MARCH 18. SOME CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY.

B. SHILO -- SINCE MARCH 12, PERIMETER HAS BEEN REDUCED SEVERAL DUNUMS AND THE IDF PRESENCE HALVED FROM SIX TO THREE TENTS. TWO ADDITIONAL PRE-FAB UNITS. NO ARCHAEOLOGY APPARENT.

C. NABI SALEH -- NO NEW CONSTRUCTION. EXPANSION OF PERIMETER TO THE WEST COMPLETED. A HANDFUL OF POV'S EVIDENCES CONTINUED CIVILIAN PRESENCE. ONLY MILITARY PRESENCE WAS TWO RESERVISTS AND A BORDER POLICE VEHICLE.

D. ELQANA (FORMERLY PE'ERIM) -- PERIMETER HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO THE WEST AND 25 PRE-FAB UNITS INSTALLED SINCE NOVEMBER, 1977. SITES FOR ADDITIONAL UNITS HAVE BEEN PREPARED.

E. BEIT EL -- ACCESS TO SETTLEMENT ZONE FORBIDDEN AND UNOBSERVABLE, BUT IDF GUARD TOLD CONGEN OFFICER ABOUT 50 SETTLERS WERE LIVING IN BUILDING AT THE NORTERN EDGE OF THE CAMP.

F. SHAYELET, KFAR RUT, HORON, GIV'ON -- NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE PAST MONTH.

3. COMMENT: THE MILITARY FIG LEAF AT HARIS SEEM TO HAVE SHRIVELED AND ALMOST BLOWN AWAY.

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